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Dear Former Delegate:

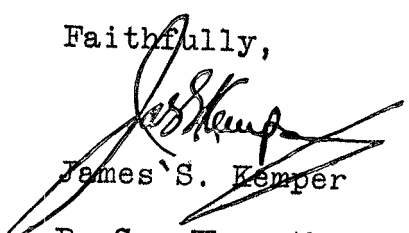
As a delegate to five Republican conventions, formerly Treasurer of the party, and one who is vitally interested in the future of the country, which so closely is bound with the future of the Republican party, I write to inquire who, in your opinion, would make the best running mate for Vice President Nixon, who apparently will be our nominee for the Presidency.

I realize, of course, that in most cases the Presidential nominee picks his own running mate. But many feel that this year it is important that we should have a real contest for second place on the ticket. The argument is that unless this is done we might fail to capitalize on the tremendous influence of television on the voting citizenry and, of course, the television time during the convention is free while after the convention it is very expensive.

There is every indication that the Democrats will put on quite a show in Los Angeles. If Nixon is nominated practically by acclamation and the Vice Presidential nominee is chosen without a contest, there would not be much opportunity for television viewers to get the Republican picture.

So, whether you agree with me or not, I should be much interested to learn your opinion, first on whether an open contest for the Vice Presidency would be desirable and second your first, second and third choice for the Vice Presidential nomination. You may sign the enclosed ballot or not as you wish.

Faithfully,

  
James S. Kemper

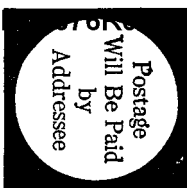
P. S. When the poll has been completed I shall advise you the results.

From \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, an open nomination for the  
Republican Vice President would (would not) be  
desirable.

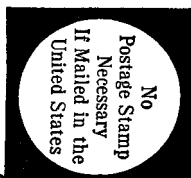
My first, second and third preference for the  
nomination would be (please mark 1, 2 and 3 in  
the box opposite the following names).

- ☐ Barry Goldwater
- ☐ Charles A. Halleck
- ☐ Mark O. Hatfield
- ☐ J. Edgar Hoover
- ☐ Kenneth Keating
- ☐ Henry Cabot Lodge
- ☐ James P. Mitchell
- ☐ Thurston Morton
- ☐ Nelson A Rockfeller
- ☐ William P. Rogers
- ☐ William G. Stratton
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_



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